

RESOLUTION of the  
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (the council)

**to recommend that Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary work with the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens (SF Zoo) to interpret the Greater Farallones, Cordell Bank, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries.**

Whereas, the mission of the SF Zoo is to connect people with wildlife, inspire caring for nature and advance conservation actions to the million visitors to the park and the Greater Bay Area, including those conservation actions involving the ocean and coast.

Whereas, the SF Zoo is uniquely posed to partner with the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and connect Zoo-going public to these three marine sanctuaries located in close proximity to SF Zoo.

Whereas, the SF Zoo Deputy Director and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council member, Joe Fitting, recommends the council partner with a newly formed SF Zoo advisory non-profit board, whose mission is aligned with SF Zoo's Master Plan to develop the programs for SF Zoo's planned Ocean and Coastal Conservation and Education Zone.

Whereas, partnering with ONMS will reinforce the SF Zoo's commitment to promote biodiversity hotspots by developing the education infrastructure necessary to connect the community to the national marine sanctuaries.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends that the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries work with the San Francisco Zoo to interpret the Greater Farallones, Cordell Bank, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries.

Attachment: Letter to the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council from Joe Fitting, Deputy Director, San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

cc:

Maria Brown, Superintendent, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

John Armor, Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

William Douros, West Coast Regional Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Dan Howard, Superintendent, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Paul Michel, Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of primary members (or alternate members serving in place of primary members) at a public meeting on November 13, 2019 in San Francisco.

***The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter/publication do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.***



November 13, 2019

GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (GFNMS SAC)

Dear GFNMS Sanctuary Advisor Council,

As stated in the recent presentation to the Advisory Council, the mission of the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens is to **connect** people with wildlife, inspire **caring** for nature and advance **conservation** actions to the million visitors to the park and the Greater Bay Area. We are uniquely posed to partner with NOAA and connect all in a profound way to the three Federally Listed Marine Sanctuaries located in close proximity to SF Zoo.

The San Francisco Zoo asks the GFNMS SAC:

- To partner with a newly formed advisory non-profit board who is mission aligned with SF Zoo's Master Plan to develop the programs for SF Zoo's planned Ocean and Coastal Conservation and Education Zone;
- To support the dedication of the land on the west side of the park, adjacent to the coastline to this purpose (approximately **15** acres);
- To support the arrangement between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Zoological Society to accept/access the approximately 15 acres adjoining lot known as "the Fleishacker Pool site" as part of the "Leased Premises" to the Zoological Society.

By partnering GFNMS SAC will reinforce SF Zoo's commitment to promote bio-diversity hotspots by developing the education infrastructure necessary to connect the community and visitors who come to the park.

Climate Change is Real, Sciences Matters, and Bio-Diversity is in trouble!

Respectfully,

Joe Fitting  
Deputy Director  
San Francisco Zoo & Gardens